

T-390
Mullikin Tenant Farm
4093 Ocean Gateway
Trappe
Ca. 1900-1940
Private

The Mullikin Tenant Farm is located on 29.26 acres of land just inside the northern boundary of the community of Trappe in Talbot County, Maryland and contains seven historic structures. The structures include a barn, shed, privy, silo, milk house, tenant house, and dairy manager's house. A number of other structures are located on the property, including a gambrel roof barn constructed ca. 1970, which are associated with the property's current commercial use.

Mullikin Tenant Farm, currently known as the "Mushaw Tenant Farm" or "Pop's Market," represents an intact collection of agricultural buildings associated with a twentieth century Talbot County tenant farm. The property was originally sold to George F. Adams by H. A. Towers in 1901. William A. Kirby purchased the property in 1911 from the trustee for the George F. Adams Estate. John R. Mullikin and J. Edward Merrick inherited the property from William A. Kirby in 1919 and lost the property to foreclosure in 1936. A representative of Talbot County sold the property at auction to Mary W. McKnett that same year. Oliver L. Corkran and his wife, Nellie E., purchased the property from Mary W. McKnett in 1944. The Corkrans sold the property in 1952 to Brice H. Barnes and his wife, Alta H. who sold the property to Rumsey L. Seymour and his wife, Gretchen T. in 1968. Harvey Mushaw and Bertha V. Mushaw obtained the property in 1969. After the construction of US Route 50 (also known as Ocean Gateway) the property was divided into two tracts, with the eastern tract that contained the dairy operation and tenant house becoming a separate farm. The descendants of Harvey and Bertha Mushaw are the current property owners.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-390

1. Name of Property

historic Mullikin Tenant Farm
other Mushaw Tenant Farm

2. Location

street and number 4093 Ocean Gateway N/A not for publication
city, town Trappe X vicinity
county Talbot

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Timothy R. and John M. Schwaninger
street and number 4093 Ocean Gateway telephone
city, town Trappe state MD zip code 21673-1996

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 656 folio 20
city, town Easton tax map 55/19 tax parcel 16 tax ID number 119947

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	5
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	6
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	1

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary Description

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The complex is located directly on Ocean Gateway (US 50). A gravel access road runs parallel to the road and leads to the barn. The agricultural buildings are arranged in a linear plan along the access road. The property is surrounded by cultivated agricultural fields and is currently a commercial property specializing in agricultural implements and pre-fabricated outbuildings.

Barn, ca. 1920

The barn has been extensively altered. The original building had a center aisle plan with five side and rear additions. The central and oldest portion of the building had the roof raised within the last five years in order to accommodate machinery. The structure rests on a concrete masonry unit foundation with poured concrete piers. The walls are clad with standing-seam metal with asphalt shingles located in the gable ends. The various gable and shed roofs are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The roof of the rear front-gable addition is supported by inverted trusses. The doors are hinged wood plank with diagonal bracing and sliding metal. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor and metal animal pens.

Shed, date unknown

The shed is a one-story wood frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The shed roof is clad with corrugated metal. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the west façade. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor.

Privy, ca. 1920

The privy is a one-story wood frame structure with the interior divided by a partition wall into two rooms. The building was recently moved to this location and has no foundation. The walls are clad with six-inch vertical wood planks with wood shingles used on the east façade. The side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles over wood shingles. The building is accessed through two hinged wood plank door on the west façade. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor. There are two seats with no lids.

Silo, ca. 1940

The silo, constructed ca. 1940, is of concrete stave construction and rests on a poured concrete pad. The silo has a hemispherical roof clad with standing-seam metal. A metal ladder is located on the north façade.

Milk House, ca. 1935

The ca. 1935 milk house is a one-story masonry structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a poured concrete slab. The walls are constructed of concrete masonry units. The front-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the south façade. The windows are six-pane wood hopper sashes. The interior of the building is finished with a poured concrete floor, beadboard walls, and a beadboard ceiling.

Tenant House, ca. 1920

The tenant house, constructed ca. 1920, is a one-story wood frame structure with a single-pen plan. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation which has been covered with pressed metal sheets designed to imitate rusticated concrete masonry units. The building is clad with wood shingles. The side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The

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building is entered through an offset hinged wood three panel four light entry door. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes, each of which has a pent roof. The building has an exterior brick end gable masonry chimney. The front porch has been enclosed with screening. The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Dairy Manager's House, ca. 1920

The Dairy Manager's house, constructed ca. 1920, is a two-story wood frame structure with a hall-parlor plan. The building rests on a continuous concrete masonry unit foundation. The building is clad with asbestos shingles. The side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building is entered through a single-panel and eight-light French door into an entry vestibule. The rear entry door is a wood three panel four light entry door. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes, each of which has a pent roof. The building has a central brick masonry chimney. The front porch has been enclosed with screening. The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1920-1939

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates ca. 1920-1940

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

Mullikin Tenant Farm represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1920 to 1940. The property as a whole is associated with the historically important trend of the tenant farming in the county. This property is one of the few examples of a Talbot County farm developed completely during the twentieth-century having been constructed and developed during the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939) agricultural period. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with a tenant farm in Talbot County during this period.

Historical Background

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Lanier, Gabrielle M. and Bernard L. Herman. *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic: Looking at Buildings and Landscapes*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.
- Nobel, Allen G. and Richard K. Cleek. *The Old Barn Book*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1997.
- Rawson, Richard. *Old Barn Plans*. New York: Bonanza Books, 1979.
- Talbot County Land Records
- Whitaker, James H. *Agricultural Buildings and Structures*. Reston, Va.: Reston Publishing Co., 1979.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	39.26	
Acreage of historical setting	39.26	
Quadrangle name	Trappe, MD	Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as current boundary as described on Talbot County Tax Map 55, Grid 19, Parcel 16. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

11. Form Prepared by

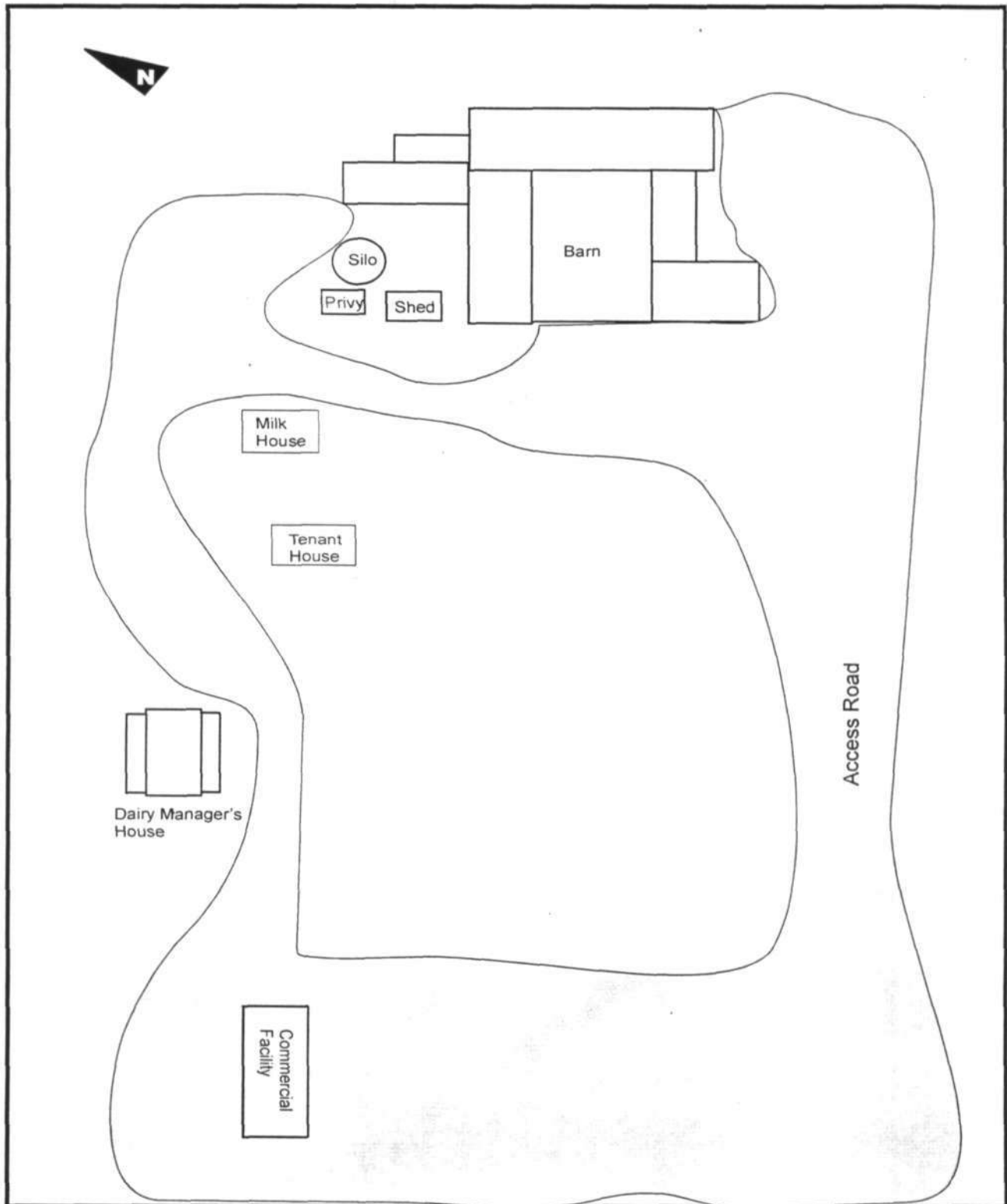
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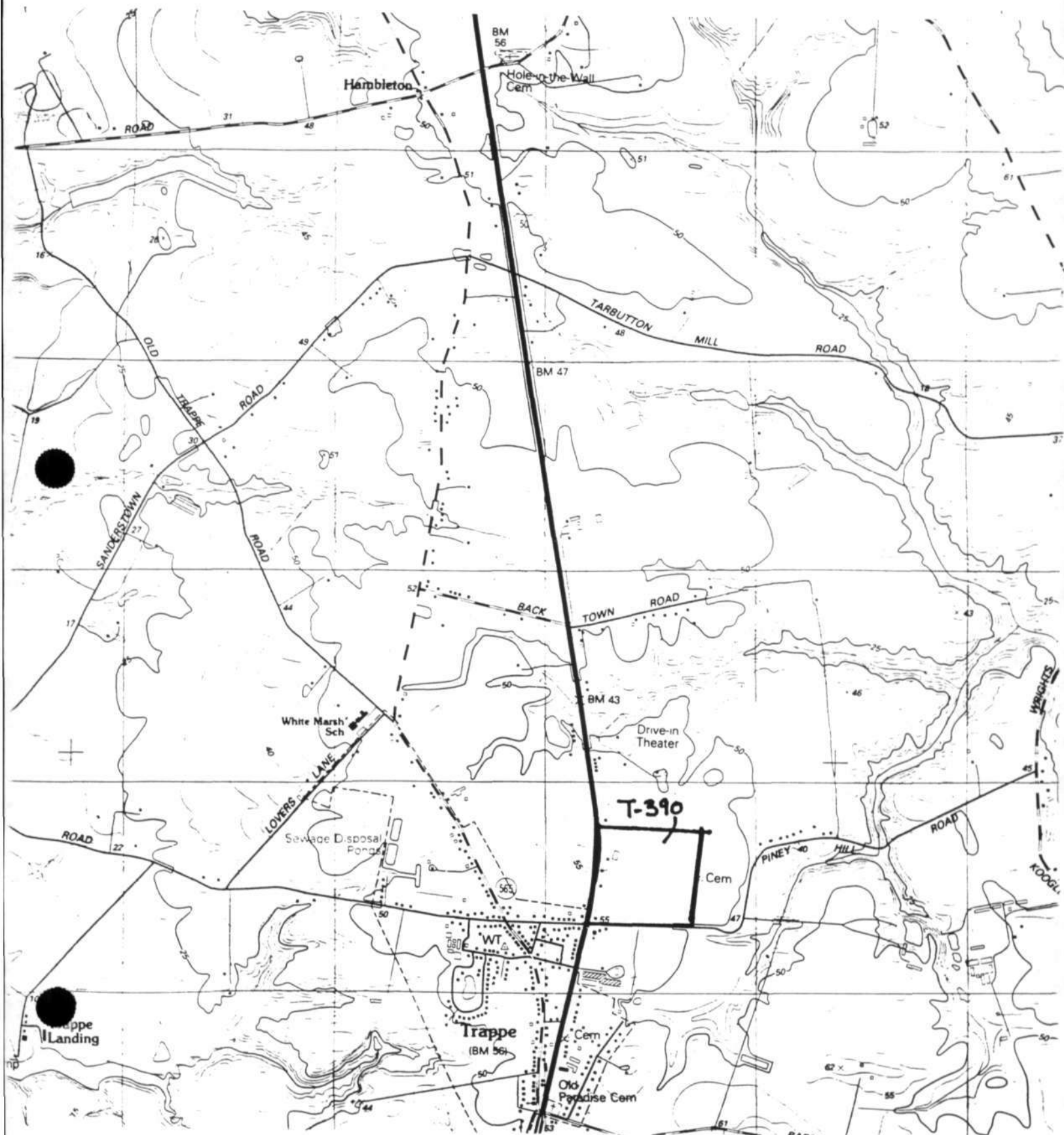
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Mullikin Tenant Farm
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Talbot County
Site Plan - 2003







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Mullikin TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

W. corner of barn Looky W

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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SH PO

Side of Barn looks W

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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

TALBOT CO. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Interior in barn - upside down trusses

LOOK NW

3/16



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

INTERIOR IN BARN - upside down trusses

Looking NW

9/16



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/2/03

MD SHPD

FRONT OF BARN & SILO LOOK N

5/16



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Mullikin Tenant Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Silo, outhouse, shed look NE

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Mullikm TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Milkhouse Looky N

7/1/06



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co MD

A. BARNES

8/17/03

MD SHPO

Milk House Cool-^g N

8/16



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

side of BARN Looking SE

9/16



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Mullikin TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SH100

Side of BARN Looking SE

10/16



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

(African American)
BACK of tenant HOUSE LOOK S

11/16



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MULLIKIN TENANT FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/1/03

MD SHPO

Front of African American TENANT
HOUSE LOOK NE

12/16



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Mullikin Tenent Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Dairy managers house Loop SW

13/16



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Mullikin Tenant farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

87-7103

MD SHPO

DAIRY managers House Front Look E

14/16



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Mullikin Tenent Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

DAIRY managers house side Look

NW

15/16



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Mullikin Tenant Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPD

Whole complex looks NE

16/16